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TEL AVIV (UPI) -- DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN SAID SUNDAY EGYPT WAS MOBILIZING ITS FORCES ON THE WEST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND "WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY RENEW" THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

"I THINK IT IS CERTAINLY EXPECTABLE FOR THE EGYPTIANS TO RENEW THIS WAR," DAYAN TOLD AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE. "WE MUST KNOW AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE WAR HAS NOT YET ENDED."

SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN DURING A VISIT TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN A TEL AVIV HOSPITAL, DAYAN SAID THE EGYPTIANS "CANNOT BE SATISFIED THAT WE ARE WEST OF THE CANAL AND THEY ARE UNWILLING TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENT WITH US, SUCH AS A MINIMAL ARRANGEMENT ON STRAIGHTENING OUT CEASE-FIRE LINE.

"THEY ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR FORCES AND I SUGGEST THAT WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY RENEW THE WAR."

DAYAN SAID DESPITE POLITICAL EFFORTS TO WORK OUT A PEACE SETTLEMENT, "THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE TWO (MILITARY AND POLITICAL) ASPECTS CAN BE SEPARATED."

THE DEFENSE MINISTER SPOKE ONLY MINUTES AFTER A MILITARY COMMAND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUNFIRE BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN TROOPS ON THE SINAI FRONT NEAR THE CANAL.

A MILITARY SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED AN EGYPTIAN STATEMENT THAT CAIRO HAD BEGUN SECRETLY FOUR DAYS AGO RETURNING WOUNDED PRISONERS OF WAR TO ISRAEL THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

"THE EGYPTIAN STATEMENT THAT THEY HAVE RETURNED ISRAELI PRISONERS OF WAR IS NOT TRUE," SAID ARMY SPOKESMAN COL. NACHMAN KARNI. HE LATER CALLED IT "A LIE."

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO SAID SYRIAN TROOPS ON THE NORTHERN GOLAN HEIGHTS FRONT HAD KILLED ISRAELI POWS. IT SAID ISRAELI TROOPS HAD FOUND THE BODIES OF 12 DEAD ISRAELIS, TIED HAND AND FOOT, ON THAT BATTLEFIELD.

THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM THE COMMAND ON THE RADIO REPORT.

KARNI SAID ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN TROOPS EXCHANGED "LIGHT FIRE" NEAR ISMAILIA ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE OF SUEZ SUNDAY MORNING AND EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON. LATER, HE SAID, ISRAELI SOLDIERS TRADED FIRE WITH ELEMENTS OF CAIRO'S 3RD ARMY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE CANAL, KILLING ONE EGYPTIAN AND WOUNDING ANOTHER.

ABOVE IS A REPEAT TO B WIRE POINTS

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